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SITUATION REPORT

Mississippi River Flooding

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Heavy Rains and flood waters from the North Central States continue to cause some flooding problems along the Mississippi River and it's smaller tributaries in Northeast Missouri. In all counties adjacent to the Mississippi River, there is lowland flooding and some roads have been inundated by the high water.

<u>Clark County:</u> The county has been experiencing lowland flooding for the last week. The private levees in the area have been utilizing pumps from the Army Corps of Engineers to remove seep and catch water from behind levees. This morning it was reported that the Fox River breached the levee tops in two(2) locations north of Gregory's Landing, near the Lone Star Bridge. Missouri supplemental Highway P has been closed because of high water. Numerous residents of the City of Alexandria have voluntarily evacuated. Volunteers are being sought to assist with the evacuation.

<u>Lewis County:</u> No reports submitted.

<u>Marion County/Hannibal</u>: The county has experienced lowland agricultural flooding. The city closed their flood gates and seem to be in good shape since the crest level is 5 feet below the top of the flood wall. Though late reports show backflow water into the downtown area and behind the Floodwall.

<u>Pike County:</u> The county has experienced some lowland and agricultural area flooding. Highway 79 has been closed in several places between Louisiana to Clarksville and Clarksville to Annada. A couple of businesses in Louisiana and Clarksville have been inundated by high water. Clarksville has requested some sandbags, SEMA is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to get sandbags released for those requesting. Additionally, volunteers and inmates from the Vandalia Correctional Center have been filling sandbags in the downtown area of Clarksville.

<u>Lincoln County:</u> Lowland and agricultural land is experiencing flooding, especially along the Cuivre River in the area of Old Monroe. The levee at Winfield is holding up well and the anticipated river crest will be below the levee height.

SEMA Actions: SEMA dispatched three personnel this morning to the counties in Northeast Missouri. They will be assessing the situation in all counties. In addition, they will be working with Clark County to start their damage assessment.

Area Coordinators are in constant contact with the local emergency management officials to help assess the situation.

FORECAST: The river forecast for the next week from the National Weather Service show that the Mississippi River will be cresting starting in the Canton Area today through the rest of the week down to the St. Louis area. The weather and more specifically the amount of moisture received, will determine how accurate the forecast is, the weather will continue to be unseasonably hot and humid until Wednesday when a cold front is expected to cross the area and expected to bring showers. Additional showers are expected this weekend.